

THAW NOW IS POPULAR MANCHESTER RESIDENT

City as a Whole Deeply Grieved at
Ruling That Sends Him Back
to New York.

HIS CONDUCT IS EXEMPLARY

Lives Largely to Church and Charity.
Recent Host at Children's Party.
Society Women Express Desire to
Help.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MANCHESTER, N. H., December 21.—This city as a whole is deeply grieved at the ruling of the United States Supreme Court that Harry K. Thaw must go back to New York a prisoner. Thaw has been a resident of Manchester for several months, and has won a large degree of personal popularity. His conduct has been that of an exemplary citizen, and he has given largely to the church and to charity, while the wholesomeness of his daily life has come to be ranked as one of the "solid citizens" of Manchester.

After the announcement of the court decision today, Thaw denied himself to all interviews, and Sheriff Drew, who has been to a certain extent his custodian, but has come through association with him to be more his friend than his jailer, announced that Thaw had been ordered by his chief counsel, Philander C. Knox, to refuse to talk of the case. Mr. Knox is in Pennsylvania, and Thaw during a large part of the day was in conference with his local attorneys.

For the last two months, Thaw has been living in an Elm Street mansion, which he leased for the winter. The house is in the center of the city, and on several occasions Thaw has been host to parties which were attended by most of the cultured residents of Manchester. On Halloween he gave a children's party, which opened with a feast and was followed by games, in which Thaw took part with marked enjoyment. At the close of the party he gave each of his young guests a box of candy to take home.

Thaw has not missed a Sunday in his attendance at the First Congregational Church, and his customary contribution to the plate has been a \$10 bill. Charitable societies have been remembered liberally, and he has also bought 1,000 Red Cross Christmas seals, and promised to buy more before Christmas day.

Last Thursday and Friday one of the Manchester motion picture houses presented a film play called "Threads of Destiny," in which Evelyn and her son, "Bobby," were featured. Thaw did not attend, but once when passing the theatre with Sheriff Drew he stopped and read the display posters, and then made a low-voiced, laughing remark to him.

Since coming here, Thaw has bought a big automobile, and for a time employed a chauffeur.

Soon he discarded the chauffeur, and since has done his own driving, but never has been in the mood for speeding. He has also spent much time on fishing trips, and has lived so much out of doors that he has improved his health wonderfully.

Recently more than fifty of the North and society women attended a meeting, and expressed a unanimous desire to help Thaw keep his liberty, and remain a resident of Manchester.

THAW MUST RETURN

TO NEW YORK STATE
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be instructed would make the fact a defense.

"When, as here, the identity of the person, the fact that he is a fugitive from justice, the demand in due form, the indictment by a grand jury for what the Governor of New York deems to be a crime in that State and the reasonable possibility that it may be such, all appear, the constitutionally required surrender is not to be interfered with by the summary process of habeas corpus upon speculation as to what ought to be the result of a trial in the place where the Constitution provides for its taking place."

"We regard it as too clear for lengthy discussion that Thaw should be delivered up at once."

RECEIVES WITHOUT COMMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTION

MANCHESTER, N. H., December 21.—Harry K. Thaw received without comment today the announcement of the Supreme Court's action. He has been staying here for the last three months.

Thaw passed the summer at Gorham. He motored over most of the mountain section, and although enjoying apparently unlimited freedom, was always in the charge of Sheriff Holman Drew, of Colebrook.

Thaw came here on October 5 and rented a handsome house. He visited several of the churches on Sundays and frequently contributed to public charities.

WILL BE RETURNED

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NEW YORK, December 21.—William T. Jerome, who acted as deputy State Attorney-General, said that as soon as arrangements could be perfected, Thaw would be brought back to this county and tried on the conspiracy indictment before he was returned to Matteawan.

FORMER WIFE EXPLAINS

HOW HE CAN BE FREE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, December 21.—"Harry can get out of Matteawan, if he will accept my advice," said Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in a remarkable statement today.

"The young woman—central figure in the events leading up to the murder of Stanford White—added that if Harry would send for her she would tell him how to get out of Matteawan. "Go back to Matteawan for a while and take your medicine. Give up the idea that you and your ego form a greater institution than the State of New York. Stop trying to run Matteawan by fomenting discord and seeking to have superintendents and physicians removed."

"If Harry would regulate his future

conduct along these lines he would soon impress the Matteawan authorities with the belief that he was sane, and he would be freed," said Evelyn. "I do not believe that he is incurably insane. I believe he would be perfectly safe if he could learn to control himself, or if some one would take charge of him who would prevent him from drinking brandy. Brandy has been his curse."

"If he would show signs of rationality I would again go through all that I once did for him. Once I took the stand and fought for him. I fought Jerome and all the rest of them, and I fought a winning battle. All the sacrifices I made at that time I would willingly make again to help him."

HIS MOTHER DECLARES

FIGHT IS NOT ENDED

PITTSBURGH, December 21.—"I cannot believe it," exclaimed Mrs. William Thaw, mother of Harry Thaw, when informed today of the decision of the United States Supreme Court. Mrs. Thaw immediately called her son at Matteawan, N. H., on the telephone. She declared the fight had not yet ended.

William A. Stone, former Governor of Pennsylvania, and one of Thaw's lawyers, said he had expected a different decision. "This is the end; Thaw is sane," added the former Governor.

MRS. STANFORD WHITE

WILL NOT DISCUSS CASE

NEW YORK, December 21.—Mrs. Stanford White is spending the winter at 24 East Eighty-fourth Street. She has not read the decision of the United States Supreme Court, she said tonight. "I did not even know of the decision up to this time. There is nothing I can say."

The widow of the slain architect has never publicly discussed the tragedy.

COMPLAINS OF VON MEYER

Treasurer of Lyric Says Advertising Man Flashed Bad Checks.

Bert A. Wilbur, treasurer of the Lyric Theatre, living at 401 North Ninth Street, is about \$400 out as a result of the operations in this city of Cary Raymond John Henry William von Meyer, Jr., according to complaints which he made yesterday to the police. Wilbur claims that von Meyer has been working for him for a year on an advertising scheme, and that he made a number of small contracts the amounts of which he is alleged to have raised by presenting them to Wilbur and collecting his commission.

Wilbur also claims he cashed a check for \$20 for von Meyer, and that he did not discover how very clever his socialist was until he had left the city. The theatrical man learned of von Meyer's activities when a note for \$250, which he had endorsed for von Meyer when the man came to him and threatened suicide unless the note was endorsed, was returned to him for payment.

It is said that von Meyer has recently visited Norfolk, where he is alleged to have put out a number of worthless checks, one of them alleged to have been given to M. S. Knight, who was formerly connected with the Colonial Theatre of this city, a check for \$250. A number of the checks, drawn on the Broad Street Bank, are also said to have been placed in Norfolk by von Meyer.

Von Meyer represented himself as being a professor on a recent night when he first appeared in Richmond. He claimed College Springs, Ia., as his home, and is about twenty-five years old.

SAFETY FIRST

Fire Chief Joynes Issues List of Christmas Warnings.

Fire Chief Joynes yesterday issued his regular "safety first" warnings to those who participate in Christmas celebrations, and to parents who provide for their children's Christmas decorations in their homes next Friday morning.

The first, and one of the most important rules to be observed, is to fireproof the tree and its decorations with a solution of a pound of ammoniated alum in a gallon of water. This is sprayed on the tree and is an adequate spray against fire, it is said.

The tree should not be decorated with inflammable material; metallic tinsel and asbestos fiber should be used. Electric lights should be used instead of candles, and an experienced electrician should be secured to make the wire connections.

Gas should not be burned near the tree or other decorations; paper and other inflammable material should not be placed at the foot of the tree, and excelsior should not be allowed in the house; children should not be allowed to operate toys requiring gasoline; and the Christmas trees should be secured firmly before the children are allowed to play about them.

Amateur Santa Clauses are advised to use the asbestos variety of whiskers in place of the cotton kind.

PERMISSION TO BUILD BRIDGE

ACROSS ELIZABETH RIVER

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The House today granted permission to the Norfolk-Berkeley Bridge Corporation to build a bridge across the eastern branch of the Elizabeth River, within the limits of Norfolk.

Soup Kitchen Established. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNNBURG, Va., December 21.—The free soup kitchen, to be maintained as long as there appears to be a necessity for it, was opened this morning by the Salvation Army. The kitchen is on the third floor of the army building on Tenth Street. Although the day was warm, the kitchen served seventeen hungry men during the first hour of its existence.

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ESCAPES FROM ASYLUM

ON AUGUST 17, 1913

All Previous Efforts to Extradite Thaw to New York State Prove Unavailing.

ALLOWED GUARDED FREEDOM

Leaves House in Manchester, Where He Lives Like Country Gentleman, Indulging in Outdoor Sports That Amuse Him.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 21.—On August 17, 1913, Harry K. Thaw made his escape from the Matteawan Asylum, where he had been confined following his acquittal on the ground of insanity at his second trial for the murder of Stanford White on June 25, 1906. His escape created a wide sensation.

Thaw was caught on the morning of August 19 in Cotuit, in the Province of Quebec. He was taken finally to Sherbrooke, where he was placed in jail. Thaw's lawyers continued to use every known legal expedient to have him released from the Canadian jail from that time to the first week in September.

The Canadian authorities on September 10, following a special order from the Minister of the Interior, conveyed Thaw across the border into Vermont and freed him. Four hours later he was arrested on a country road in New Hampshire, and brought to Colebrook, a town in that State, where he was locked up.

In New Hampshire Thaw resumed his fight for freedom. In the meantime, an indictment was brought against Thaw in New York State on the charge of conspiracy. But all efforts to extradite Thaw have up to now been unavailing. His case was taken before District Judge Aldrich, who granted a writ of habeas corpus, but kept Thaw in the custody of the court, while allowing a guarded freedom, until the latter should be passed upon by the United States Supreme Court.

Thaw resided for a time in Concord, but later went to Manchester, where he leased a house, as he felt that he would reside there for a long time. Thaw has lived like a New England country gentleman, playing golf and indulging in any other outdoor sports that amused him. Everything possible has been done to make his sojourn in New Hampshire enjoyable.

Thaw was indicted for the murder of White on June 25, 1906, and his first trial began on January 23, 1907. It was interrupted by a decision to have a lunacy commission examine the prisoner. The commission reported their belief that Thaw was sane.

Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, wife of the accused, had told, before the interruption of the trial, her story of intimacy with White, and Delphin M. Delmas, Thaw's counsel, had coined a new phrase in legal nomenclature—"dementia Americana."

Thaw's trial resulted in a disagreement on April 11, 1907. The slayer's second trial was begun January 6, 1908. Again the "unwritten law" plea was advanced, on the ground that Thaw was temporarily insane when he killed the man who had been intimate with his wife. Thaw was acquitted February 1, on the ground that when he fired the fatal shot he was insane. He was immediately committed to Matteawan Asylum.

On November 22, 1912, Thaw tried bribery to effect his escape from the asylum. The \$25,000 he expended got him nothing. On August 17, 1913, what is believed to have been a carefully planned plot was successful, and he escaped.

Assessors Are Appointed. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] LYNNBURG, Va., December 21.—An order was entered by Judge Barksdale in the Circuit Court of Campbell County, at Russellburg on Saturday, appointing John W. Gills and J. H. Lindsay to reassess the real estate of Brooksville magisterial district next year. Inasmuch as this district includes all of the Campbell County suburbs of Lynchburg, this is the most important appointment of assessors in that county.

BIG SEA FIGHTER SAILS

World's Greatest Battleship Built in America for Argentina.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The Rivadavia, the world's greatest battleship, built in this country for the Argentine Republic, left here tonight for a destination unofficially reported to be Buenos Aires.

The gigantic sea fighter's keel was laid at the Fore River yards at Quincy, Mass., May 25, 1910. She was launched on August 25, 1911, but was not placed in commission until August 28 of this year.

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GRAND OFFICER VISITS RAILROAD TELEGRAPHERS

Men Engaged on Four Local Railroads Gather to Welcome Representative of Order.

Railroad telegraphers from four lines entering this city, were present last night at a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Division, No. 40, Order of Railroad Telegraphers. The meeting was held in Murphy's Hotel, with J. J. Hermon, grand order representative, as the guest of honor.

The meeting was presided over by L. E. Hicks, of Cratersville, general chairman of the Chesapeake and Ohio Division. Addresses were made by Mr. Hermon and several of those present. All of the speakers predicted a bright outlook for telegraphy.

About fifty telegraphers were present, representing the Atlantic Coast Line, Seaboard Air Line, Southern, and Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Companies.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

Invoiced for 3,000 Barrels of Flour on Way to Norfolk received.

Colonel H. Boykin, chairman of the State Belgian Relief Commission, received yesterday for 3,000 barrels of flour now moving from Richmond, Ill. to Norfolk, and invoices for 300 barrels of flour sent from Richmond, Ill. to Norfolk, which was donated by the Tenth District Committee. Two trainloads of flour, each consisting of thirty-four cars, are being moved from Nashville, Tenn., to Norfolk. There are already at Norfolk fifty-five full carloads of freight, mostly flour, destined for the Belgians.

Among the cash contributors received yesterday by Colonel Boykin was \$2,000 from the Sixth District of William S. Battle, Jr., is chairman. This district has also contributed 909 barrels of flour and several carloads of foodstuffs.

Contributions received yesterday by Colonel Boykin are as follows: William S. Battle, chairman Sixth District, \$2,000. Prince Edward County committee, \$2. Powhatan County committee, \$43.30. Fells Lodge, of Palmyra, Va., \$2.50.

"W." Palmyra, Va., 25 cents.

B. F. J., city, \$5.

United Daughters of the Confederacy of Orange County, \$56.75.

The Grain Club of The Plains, \$20.

Urbana Dramatic Club, \$4.30.

Mrs. A. A. Campbell, Wythe County, \$5.

Cash, city \$2.

Fred E. Nolting, Belgian consul, \$20.55.

Thomas Chapel, Cartersville circuit, Cartersville, \$8.55.

Mrs. Alice Hite, South Hill, \$1.

Mrs. J. D. Winkler, La Crosse, \$1.

J. W. Clements, Lee Hall, \$25.

Narrows, Va., committee \$25.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Event Will Recall Romance Which Culminated in Richmond Fifty Years Ago.

A love affair of half-century ago, attended by unusually romantic circumstances, which has been a subject of local interest for many years, will be vividly recalled by many older residents tonight, when Dr. W. W. Dickie, a surgeon in the Confederate Army, and Mrs. Dickie, will celebrate their golden wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. T. B. Johnson, 216 Main Street.

The circumstances of the marriage as told last night by one who attended, are interesting. The affair was accounted one of the most brilliant events in Richmond society that season. Mr. Dickie at the time had charge of Chimborazo Hospital, where several hundred sick and wounded Confederate soldiers were being cared for. His bride was Miss Bettie Turpin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Turpin, of Church Hill. She was accounted one of the most beautiful women in Virginia, and was popular in social circles.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. John D. Turpin, of King William County, who was assisted by Rev. J. R. Burrows, of Richmond. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents, which was elaborately decorated for the event. After the marriage had been solemnized, a big supper was served. Many distinguished persons attended the marriage.

The varied hardships encountered by the bride's cousin, a Confederate soldier who left the "trenches" to attend the wedding, was a feature of the story as told last night.

Ratifications Exchanged.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—Spanish Ambassador, Riano and Secretary Bryan today exchanged ratifications of the investigating commission peace treaty recently agreed to between the United States and Spain. The treaty became effective from this date.

EMPIRE THEATRE IS CHANGED TO THE STRAND

Will Open With Pictures, Representing Popular Plays, on Christmas Day.

Under arrangements completed yesterday, the Empire Theatre, on West Broad Street, will be reopened on Christmas Day